

at least one flag attached to a shackle.

Claim 17 (new): An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said sensing means comprises at least one photoelectric sensor and at least one inductive sensor.

Claim 18 (new): An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said programmable means comprises a programmable logic card.

Claim 19 (new): An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said communication means comprises a data bus communication cable.

Claim 20 (new): A process to electronically automate the sorting of chicken feet in the category of edible or inedible, comprising:

using a sensing means for tracking the chicken bird in a shackle and chicken feet in a shackle;

employing a programmable means to track and store information received by said sensing means;

communicating the information between said sensing means and said programmable means;

having at least one inspector reject button for communicating with said programmable means; and

attaching at least one flag to a shackle which are sensed by said sensing means.

Claim 21 (new): The process according to claim 20, wherein said sensing means comprises at least one photoelectric sensor and at least one inductive sensor.

Claim 22 (new): The process according to claim 20, wherein said programmable means comprises a programmable logic card.

Claim 23 (new): The process according to claim 20, wherein said communication means comprises a data bus communication cable.